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Globalization and interdependence

Report of the Second Committee*

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1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-third session the item entitled:

"Globalization and interdependence:

"(a) Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence;

"(b) International migration and development;

"(c) Culture and development;

"(d) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption;

"(e) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy"

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on the item at its 21st and 22nd meetings, on 29 October 2008. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/63/SR.21 and 22). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 6th meetings, from 6 to 8 October (see A/C.2/63/SR.2-6). An account of the Committee's further consideration of the item will be provided in the addenda to the present report.

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

* The report of the Committee on this item is being issued in six parts, under the symbol A/63/416 and Add.1-5.

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Letter dated 3 October 2008 from the representative of Antigua and Barbuda to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Ministerial Declaration adopted by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 and China at their thirty-second annual meeting, held at United Nations Headquarters on 26 September 2008 (A/63/464)

Letter dated 17 September 2008 from the representative of the Dominican Republic to the President of the General Assembly (A/C.2/63/4)

Item 51 (a)
Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence

Report of the Secretary-General on the impact of globalization on the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals (A/63/333)

Letter dated 6 October 2008 from the representative of Namibia to the Secretary-General (A/C.2/63/3)

Item 51 (b)
International migration and development

Report of the Secretary-General on international migration and development (A/63/265 and Corr.1)

Item 51 (c)
Culture and development

No documents were submitted under this sub-item

Item 51 (d)
Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption

Report of the Secretary-General on preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption (A/63/88)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption on its second session, held at Nusa Dua, Indonesia, from 28 January to 1 February 2008 (A/63/86)

Item 51 (e)
Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

Report of the Secretary-General on the integration of the economies in transition into the world economy (A/63/256)

4. At the 21st meeting, on 29 October, introductory statements were made by the Director of the Development Policy and Analysis Division, the Director of the Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination and the Assistant

Director of the Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat and the Programme Management Officer of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (see A/C.2/63/SR.21).

5. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the Assistant Director of the Population Division in response to a question posed by the representative of Mexico (see A/C.2/63/SR.21).